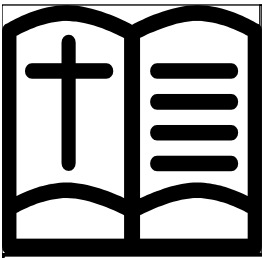


“DON’TBE SCARED, BE PREPARED!”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

I. ASSESSING THE CONDITIONS

- A. *Changing demographics - urbanization*
- B. *Propaganda, marketing, mis/disinformation*
- C. *Loss of the sense and facts of history and, in America, a loss of identity*
- D. *Loss of meaning and identity*
- E. *Misplaced or unknown values*
- F. *Virtual friendships instead of personal ones*
- G. *Devalued life*
- H. *Health care horrors -drugged, obese, disease*
- I. *Fake money; inequality; fake controls*
- J. *Climate and weather changes -famine, food shortages*
- K. *Energy instability*
- L. *Supply chain problems*
- M. *Military changes; war*
- N. *Fear; partisanship; unresolved conflict*
- O. *Hatred for certainty*
- P. *Crying “wolf” syndrome - killing concern*
- Q. *Apostasy and indifference within the church*
- R. *Idolatry - Scientism, neo-paganism*
- S. *Elitist control - Great Reset - Totalitarian*
- T. *Antisemitism; immigration to Israel*



II. REVIEWING OUR HERITAGE TO MAP OUR PATH

A. *“Nothing new under the sun...” the conditions of our “fathers” last days, Christ coming, new kingdom, persecution, tribulation, apostasy, peace and fake peace, Roman roads, pax Romana*

B. *The advice Paul gave them at the time; 15 years before the Jewish Revolt, a 7 year protracted and bloody war with Rome; Christians would join the revolt thinking the end had come*

1. *You know its coming so don't let confusion get you! Sign reading can be tricky!*
2. *Keep a biblical head on your shoulders - know what Jesus said about the end times*
3. *Do not get caught up in the propaganda and marketing of the world*
4. *Keep a constant, rational vigil for the signs revealed in the word of God*
5. *Don't let the routine business lull you to sleep so you are not on guard*
6. *Be alert and be sober; you are equipped for it*
 - a. *Be cautious and alert; know movements; don't let your guard down;*
 - b. *Never be intoxicated with anything; practice self-control*

C. *Shore up every weak area*

7. *Do your daytime work with full equipment: tools of faith, love and hope*

8. *Know your destiny and live it*

9. *Build community, use your gift, live your purpose*